## It's fee season in Delaware State Parks

**DOVER** — DNREC's Division of Parks and Recreation reminds visitors to Delaware's state parks that entrance fees are now being collected through Nov.30.

Revenue generated from park entrance fees is used to manage 16 state parks and more than 26,000 acres of state park lands. Delaware's state parks are primarily self-funded, with 65 percent of revenue to operate and maintain the parks generated by park users. The revenue is used for trail maintenance, environmental and recreational programs, visitor amenities, guarded beaches, management of campgrounds, cabins, and more.

Daily park entrance fees for vehicles registered in Delaware are \$4 at inland parks and \$5 at ocean parks. Fees for out-of-state vehicles are \$8 at inland parks and \$10 at ocean parks. Where fee attendants are not on duty, visitors should deposit the daily fee in the self-registration envelopes provided at park entrances and place them in the designated secured drop boxes.

Annual passes are a convenient way to access the parks for the entire fee season. "For just \$35, Delaware residents can enjoy unlimited park visits to get their children outdoors and to enjoy the parks with friends and family," said Ray Bivens, Director of Delaware State Parks. "I'd want to thank all those who support our efforts to preserve and protect open space, improve services and expand recreational opportunities. As we celebrate the 65th anniversary of Delaware State Parks, it is truly the support of Delawareans and visitors to our state that has been the cornerstone of a wonderfully diverse parks system. "

There are several categories of passes. Annual park passes may

be purchased online at destateparks.com, at all state park offices and at DNREC's main office in the Richardson & Robbins building at 89 Kings Highway in Dover.

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